

October 31, 2016

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Interim Rate Refund Compliance Filing
Docket No. EL15-024

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota), a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., herewith electronically submits this Interim Rate Refund Compliance Filing in the above referenced docket.

On January 1, 2016, Montana-Dakota implemented an electric interim rate increase of \$2,655,643 on an annual basis pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-17. On July 1, 2016, Montana-Dakota implemented new electric service rates reflecting a final overall increase in revenues of \$1,376,183; resulting in 48.179 percent of the interim increase implemented to be refunded to customers. Pursuant to the Company's Interim Refund Plan included with the Settlement Stipulation approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on June 15, 2016, the Company was to refund the difference to customers within 90 days following the implementation of final rates or no later than October 1, 2016.


As shown on Attachment A, page 1, the Company collected total interim revenues of \$1,236,597 through August 12, 2016. Applying the refund factor of 48.179 percent to the interim revenues collected resulted in \$595,780 to be refunded to customers in South Dakota. The calculation of the final refund factor of 49.293 percent, including interest, is shown on Attachment A, page 1. The final amount to be refunded to customers, based on the final refund factor, is \$609,558.

On October 4, 2016, a total of \$609,390 was credited to active customer accounts and checks issued if a customer account was no longer active and the refund was \$5.00 or greater in accordance with the Electric Interim Refund Plan approved. The remaining balance of \$168 is the amount associated with inactive customer accounts where the refund was less than \$5.00 and the difference due to rounding. This un-refunded

balance will be credited to the Deferred Fuel Cost Account in accordance with the Refund Plan. A breakdown of the refund by rate class is shown on Attachment B.

This filing has been electronically submitted to the Commission in accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:02:05. Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that this filing be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

Sincerely,



Tamie A. Aberle
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

cc: Brett Koenecke